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RALLY SUPPORTS MEEK MILL

ALL EYES ON HIM

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Hundreds of supporters of the imprisoned rapper Meek Mill rallied Monday evening outside the Criminal Justice Center. The protesters decried Mill's two- to four-year prison sentence for violating his probation in a 2008 gun and drug case. Among those speaking was basketball legend Julius Erving. Story, **B2**.

BLOOD PRESSURE

A new standard lowers threshold

Nearly half of U.S. adults now have high blood pressure, according to revised guidelines, up from a third.

By Tom Avril
STAFF WRITER

Nearly half of U.S. adults are classified as having high blood pressure under new national guidelines announced Monday, up from one-third of Americans by the old definition.

Call it moving the goalposts, doctor-style. Hypertension now means a reading of at least 130 for systolic blood pressure — the higher of those two numbers you hear at the doctor's office — down from the old cutoff of 140.

Yet most of the millions who suddenly are considered to have high blood pressure will not be counseled to lower it with drugs, according to the standards from the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology.

Instead, doctors will advise them to follow common-sense lifestyle changes: get regular exercise, eat a healthy

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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ROY MOORE

A second woman steps forward

McConnell calls for the former judge to quit the Senate race as others in GOP step up the pressure.

By Alan Fram and Bruce Schreiner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A second woman abruptly emerged Monday to accuse Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s, this time in a locked car, further roiling the Alabama Republican's candidacy for an open Senate seat. Leaders of Moore's own party intensified their efforts to push him out of the race.

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Beverly Young Nelson (left), who says Roy Moore assaulted her when she was 16, reads a statement as lawyer Gloria Allred looks on. RICHARD DREW / AP

Anticipating a tearful Beverly Young Nelson's allegations at a New York news conference, Moore's campaign ridiculed her attorney, Gloria Allred, beforehand as "a sensationalist leading a witch hunt." The campaign said Moore was innocent and "has nev-

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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Trump selects white males at high rate

The last president to pick such a homogenous group of U.S. judges was George H.W. Bush.

By Catherine Lucey and Meghan Hoyer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Trump is nominating white men to America's federal courts at a rate not seen in nearly 30 years, threatening to reverse a slow transformation toward a judiciary that reflects the nation's diversity.

So far, 91 percent of Trump's nominees are white, and 81 percent are male, an Associated Press analysis has found. Three of every four are white men, with few African Americans and Hispanics in the mix. The last president to nominate a similarly homogenous group was George H.W. Bush.

The shift could prove to be one of Trump's most enduring legacies. These are lifetime appointments, and Trump has inherited both an unusually high number of vacancies and an aging population of judges. That puts him in position to significantly reshape the courts that decide thou-

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Undercover Gangster Part 2:

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The story so far: A detective has to untangle a shocking murder plot, while a key suspect is leading dual lives.

PORTRAIT OF A SUSPECT

Detective Joe Murray hurried over to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, anxious to get a few minutes with Lawrence Downs.

By David Gambacorta
STAFF WRITER

He was on a first-name basis with the guards in the lobby, thanks to years of repeated visits to gunshot victims. After a few quick hellos, he asked for Downs' room number and headed toward the sterile realm of the intensive care unit.

It was a delicate thing, trying to interview someone who had survived a brush with death. Murray always tried to keep visits like this short — get in, ask a few questions, and get out before the victim became too upset.

Downs was stretched out on a hospital bed, surrounded by machines and tubes. His short hair was graying on top, and his round face was ringed by a scraggly beard. He was lucky to have survived being shot 14 times, but at age 31, he was now paralyzed from the waist down. He'd never walk his three kids to school again.

You feel up to talking? Murray asked. Downs said yeah.

The conversation moved slowly; Downs' memory cut in and out like a signal from a faraway radio station. But he was clear about one detail: The expression on the face of the first man who shot him.

"He looked at me," Downs said, "like he hated me."

Downs told Murray he didn't know

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